

The belief from the FCC that , dropping the element 1 , 5wpm Morse Examination would encourage individuals interested in Communications Technology , or who Are able to contribute to the advancement of the Radio art ,to become Amateur Radio Operators , is very weak . If anyone who is interested in such Technology , would Overcome any such obstacles , as many have done in the past , to enhance their Knowledge . In Communications , CW is part of the Technology . You can't learn It by reading it ,but comes as practice . It seems that today's newer Technology students Are not willing to take the time to learn it . It's a proven fact that no matter what class Of license is held , Amateurs contribute to the advancement of skills . The premise That CW is a stumbling block to contribute to the art is nonsense . You can become An Amateur Radio Operator with the structure setup as it is now . The FCC's premise that the elimination of CW would also promote more efficient use of the Current Amateur Radio Spectrum only means that in the future , the FCC is going to restructure the Now CW bands for Phone or DATA . The elimination of the requirement would also eliminate the spectrum , even tho the FCC says there will be no change . Special interest groups along with their membership will Pressure the FCC like they have in the past , to complete their goals . If the CW requirement is dropped , “ Dumbing Down “ will be the Norm . As long as you can Memorize the Question Pool , you'll get it . Unless the FCC Raises the scoring bar from 70% to 85% passing . The FCC should keep the 5 WPM requirement for the Extra Class as a higher Standard for obtaining the best . The U.S.A. prides itself by setting the highest Standards for it's ,Navy Seals , Army Rangers , Green Berets . The same should be For it's Communications community . The U.S.A. should set itself apart from the rest To insist on the best . CW is part of any Communications Technical Skill . Army MARS dropped the CW requirement and forbids it's use on all Military bands

This did nothing to increase membership or increase the technical ability .
Instead it's

Membership dropped by 30 % ,and shifted the traffic flow from what used to
be full nets with traffic To almost nothing . . Other means of traffic flow were
utilized as Data

Became available . Even with the No Code requirement , the technical ability
of new

Amateurs are the same . Tell me how they are improving their skills and
ability K9MSG